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Community outreach and scoping handouts and Interagency and Intergovernmental Coordination for Environmental Planning (IICEP) letters provided by the Air Force in late 2005 and early 2006 included information on 48 Primary Aircraft Inventory (PAI) as the Proposed Action. Since that time, the number of aircraft has been modified to 36 PAI.



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
PACIFIC AIR FORCES


20 December 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
ATTN: Ann Rappoport
605 W. 4th Ave., Room G61
Anchorage AK 99501-2250

FROM: 3 CES/CC
6326 Arctic Warrior Drive
Elmendorf AFB AK 99506-3240

SUBJECT: F-22 Beddown Environmental Assessment

1. The United States Air Force (Air Force) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) to assess the potential environmental consequences of a proposal to locate, or "beddown," 48 operational F-22 aircraft at Elmendorf AFB (refer to attachment 1). One existing F-15C squadron and one existing F-15E squadron would be relocated from Elmendorf AFB concurrently with the proposed two squadron F-22 beddown. The EA will address changes in personnel, alternative locations and numbers of facilities to support the proposed beddown (refer to attachment 2), and a no action alternative that does not beddown F-22 aircraft at Elmendorf AFB. F-22 training is proposed for existing airspace and ranges utilized by the F-15C and F-15E aircraft (refer to attachment 3). None of the alternatives under consideration would require expansion of existing airspace.
2. The Air Force published a notice of EA preparation in the Fairbanks Daily News-Miner on October 8, 2005 and the Anchorage Daily News on October 9, 2005. These early notices supported community outreach at the Alaskan Federation of Natives Conference, October 20 to 22 and a community outreach scoping meeting in Anchorage, October 24.
3. Pursuant to analysis of the proposed beddown and to support compliance with the Endangered Species Act, we would like to request information regarding federally listed threatened, endangered, candidate, and proposed to be listed species that occur or may occur in the potentially affected area. Please send this information to our representative at: SAIC Attn: Ms. Christa Stumpf, 405 S. 8th St., Ste. 301, Boise, ID 83702. We would appreciate your identifying a point of contact for any follow-up questions we may have. Please provide any preliminary agency comments or information regarding the proposed beddown not later than 15 January 2005 in order to be incorporated in the preparation of the draft EA.
4. If you have any specific questions about the proposal, we would like to hear from you. The primary point of contact is Ms. Ellen Godden, (907) 552-7305 and an alternate point of contact is Mr. Gregory Schmidt, (907) 552-1609. Thank you for your assistance in this matter.


MICHAEL R. HASS, Colonel, USAF
Commander

Attachments:

1. Scoping Meeting Handout
2. Elmendorf AFB Map
3. Elmendorf Military Operations Areas Map



F/A-22

Elmendorf Air Force Base F/A-22 Operational Wing Beddown EA



The Proposal:



Elmendorf Air Force Base (AFB), Alaska will prepare an Environmental Assessment (EA) to analyze the potential environmental consequences of a proposal to beddown the nation's second operational wing of F/A-22 aircraft at Elmendorf AFB.

The Proposal includes changes to:

➤ Aircraft

- Beddown of two F/A-22 aircraft squadrons (48 operational aircraft).
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- Changes in personnel to support beddown.

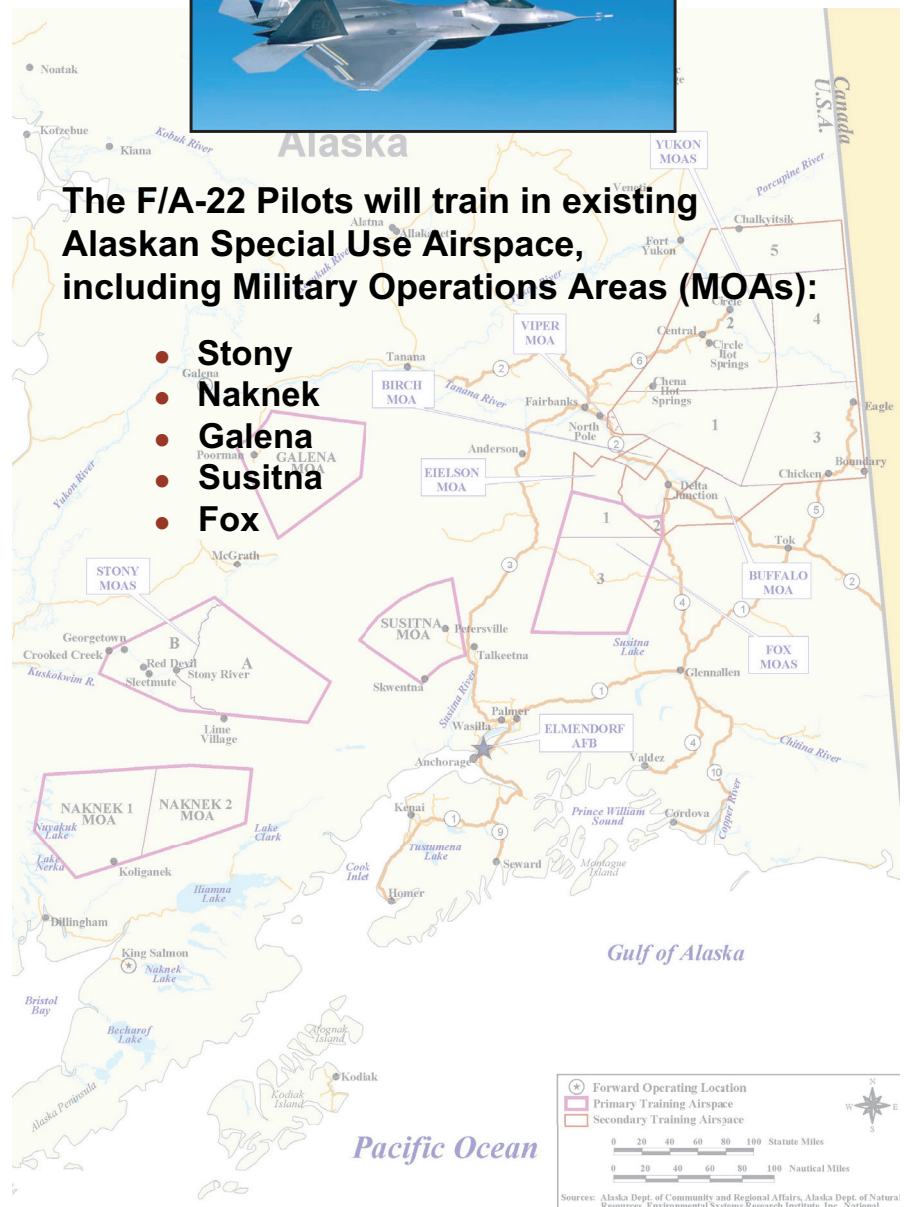
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- Construction of 20 new or upgraded facilities on Elmendorf AFB.
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The Environmental Process:



The National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) guides the Environmental Assessment.

The Draft Environmental Assessment (EA) analyzes the following resources to determine potential environmental consequences associated with beddown of the F/A-22 Operational Wing at Elmendorf AFB.

- **Airspace Operations**
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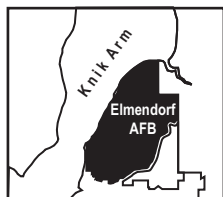
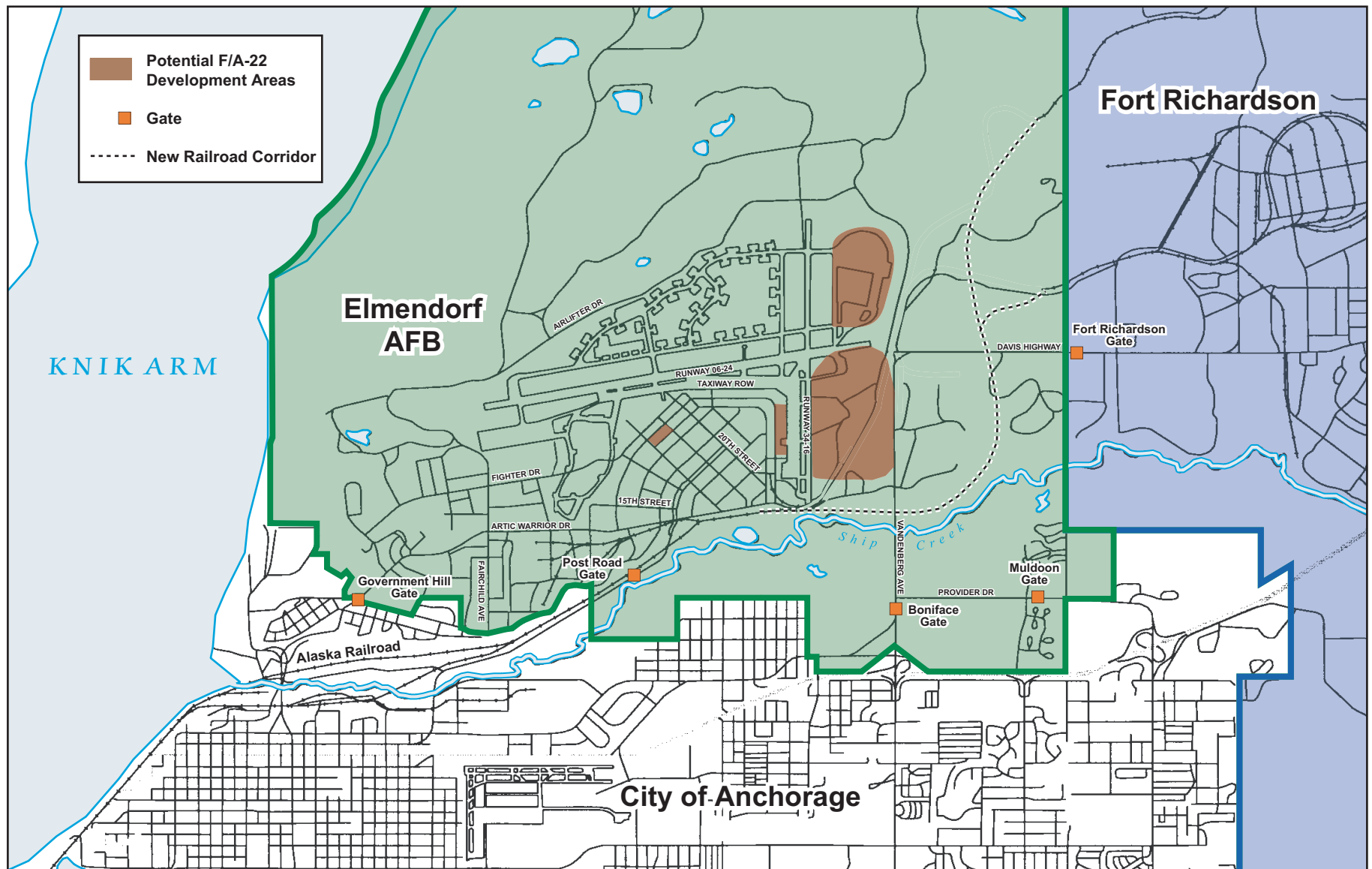
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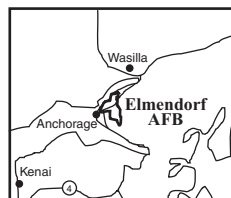
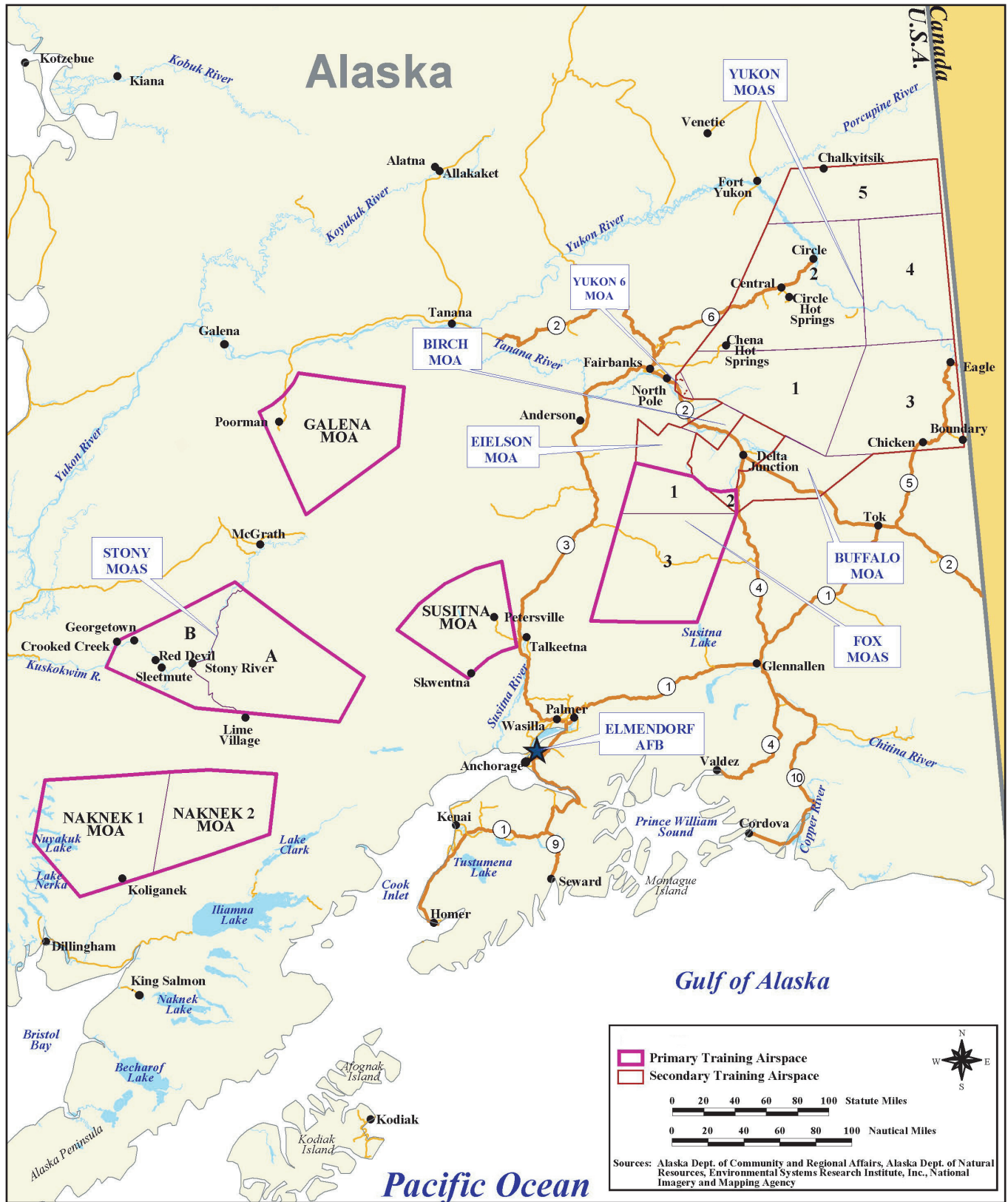
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Elmendorf Air Force Base (AFB) Attachment 2





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DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
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12 December 2005

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FROM: 3 CES/CC
6326 Arctic Warrior Drive
Elmendorf AFB AK 99506-3240

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3. In an effort to analyze the potential effects of this proposed beddown the Air Force or its contractor, SAIC, may be contacting you in their data collection efforts. Please notify us of any concerns you desire be addressed in the proposed EA not later than January 6th, 2006 in order to be incorporated in the preparation of the draft EA. We thank you in advance for your assistance in this activity.
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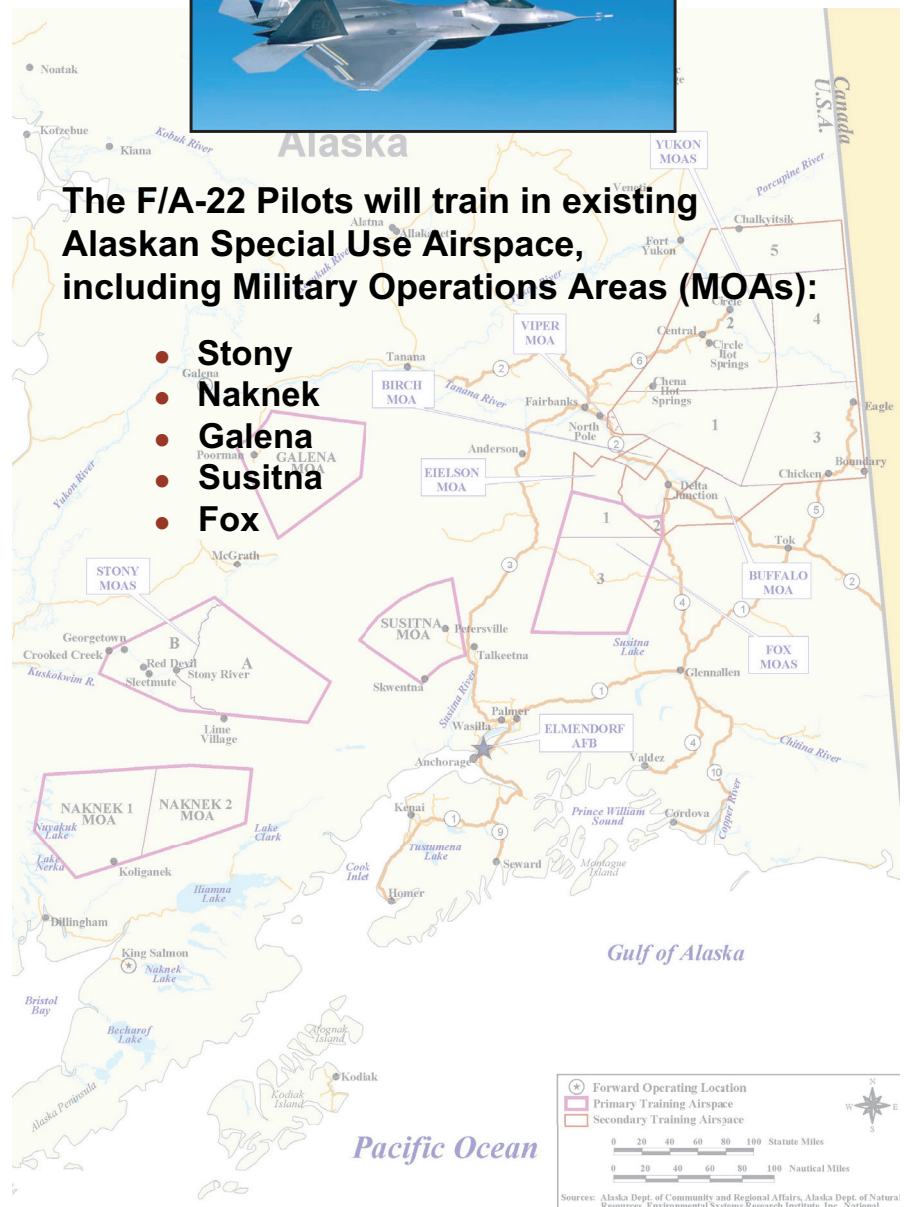
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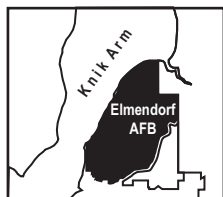
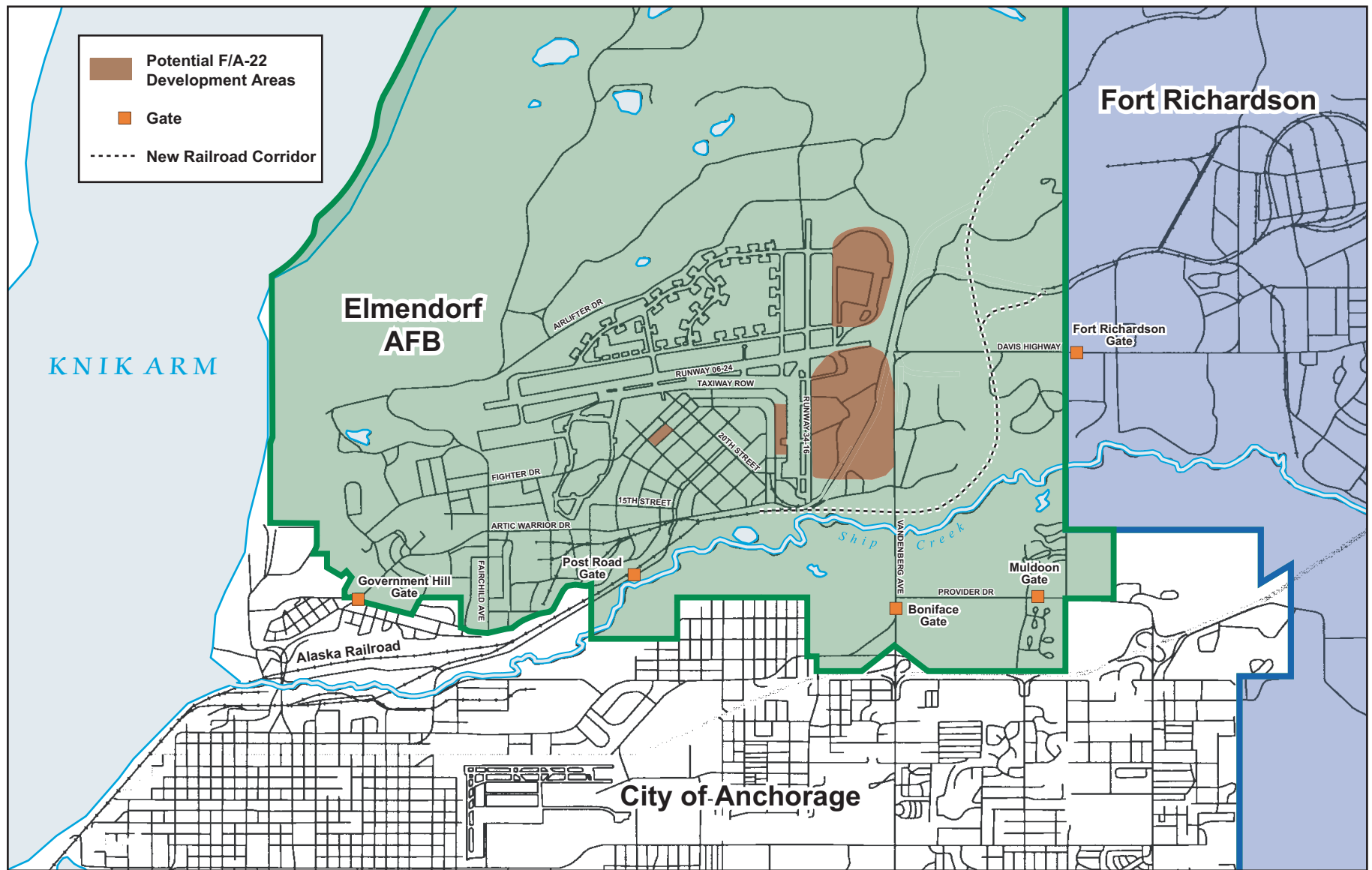
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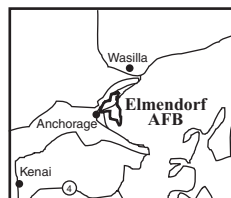
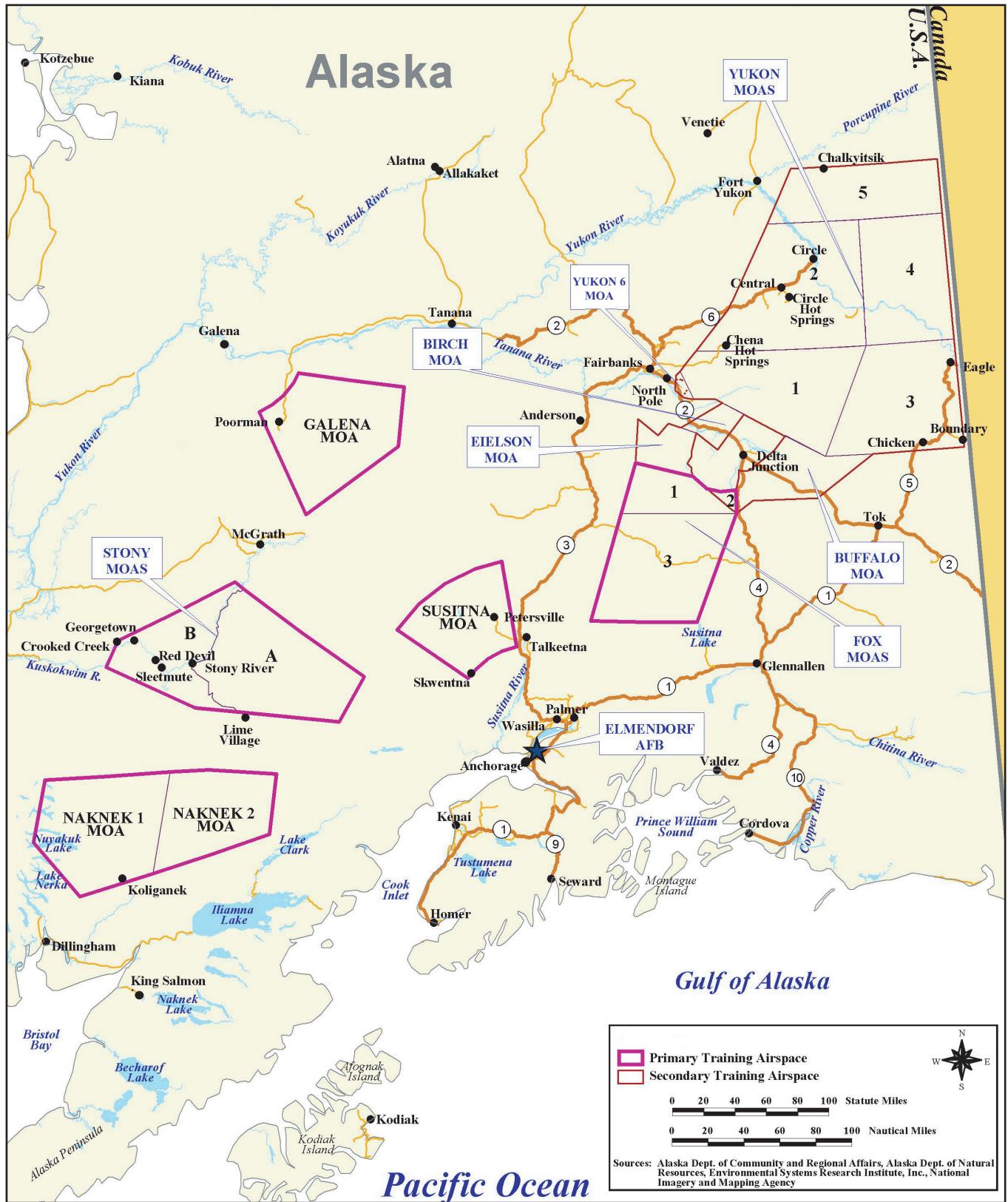
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ATTN: Mary Jane Michaels
P.O. Box 196650
Anchorage, AK 99519-6650



DEPARTMENT OF THE AIR FORCE
PACIFIC AIR FORCES

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MEMORANDUM FOR SEE DISTRIBUTION

FROM: 3 CES/CC
6326 Arctic Warrior Drive
Elmendorf AFB AK 99506-3240

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Fairview Community Council
ATTN: Mr. Darrell Hess
328 E 15th Av #1
Anchorage AK 99501



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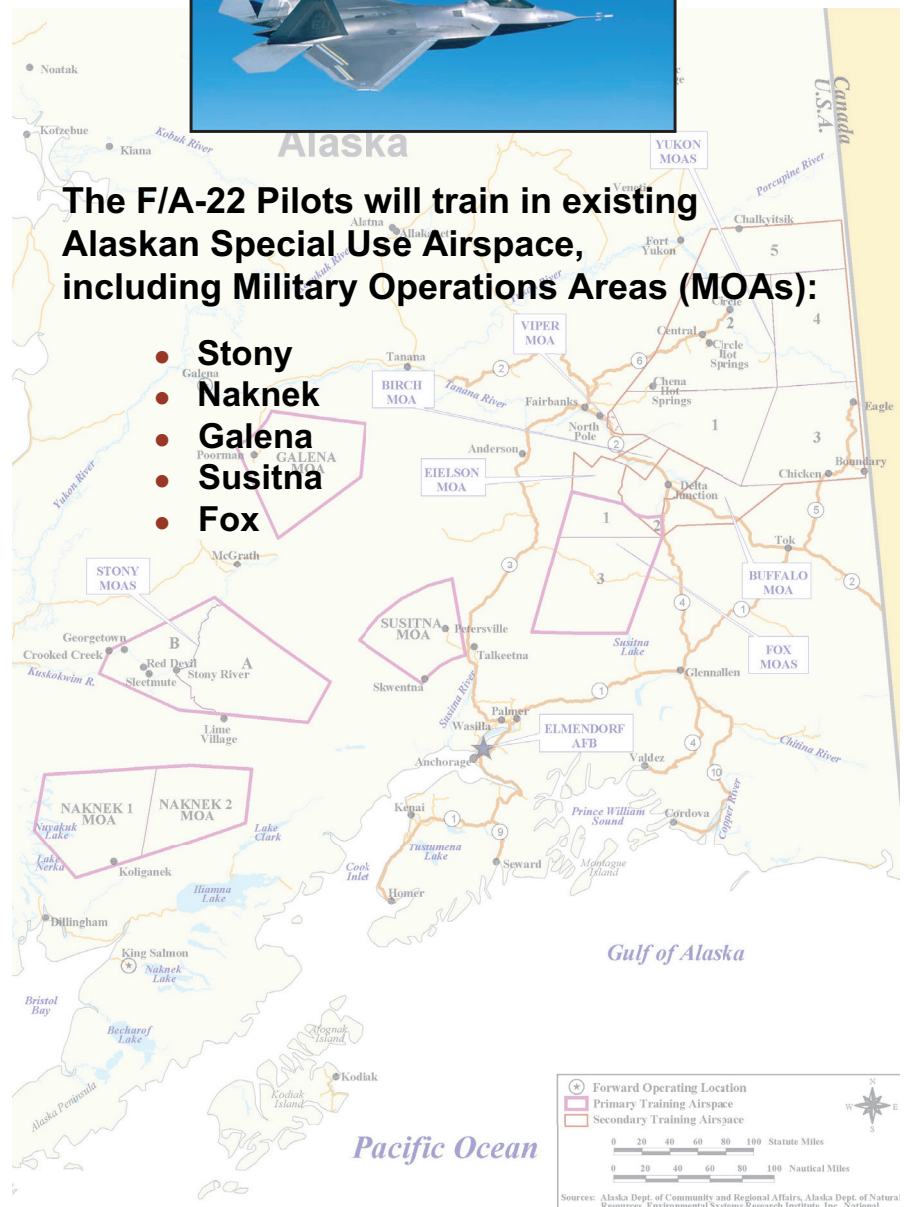
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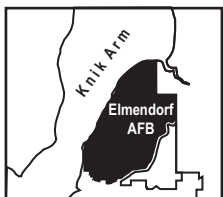
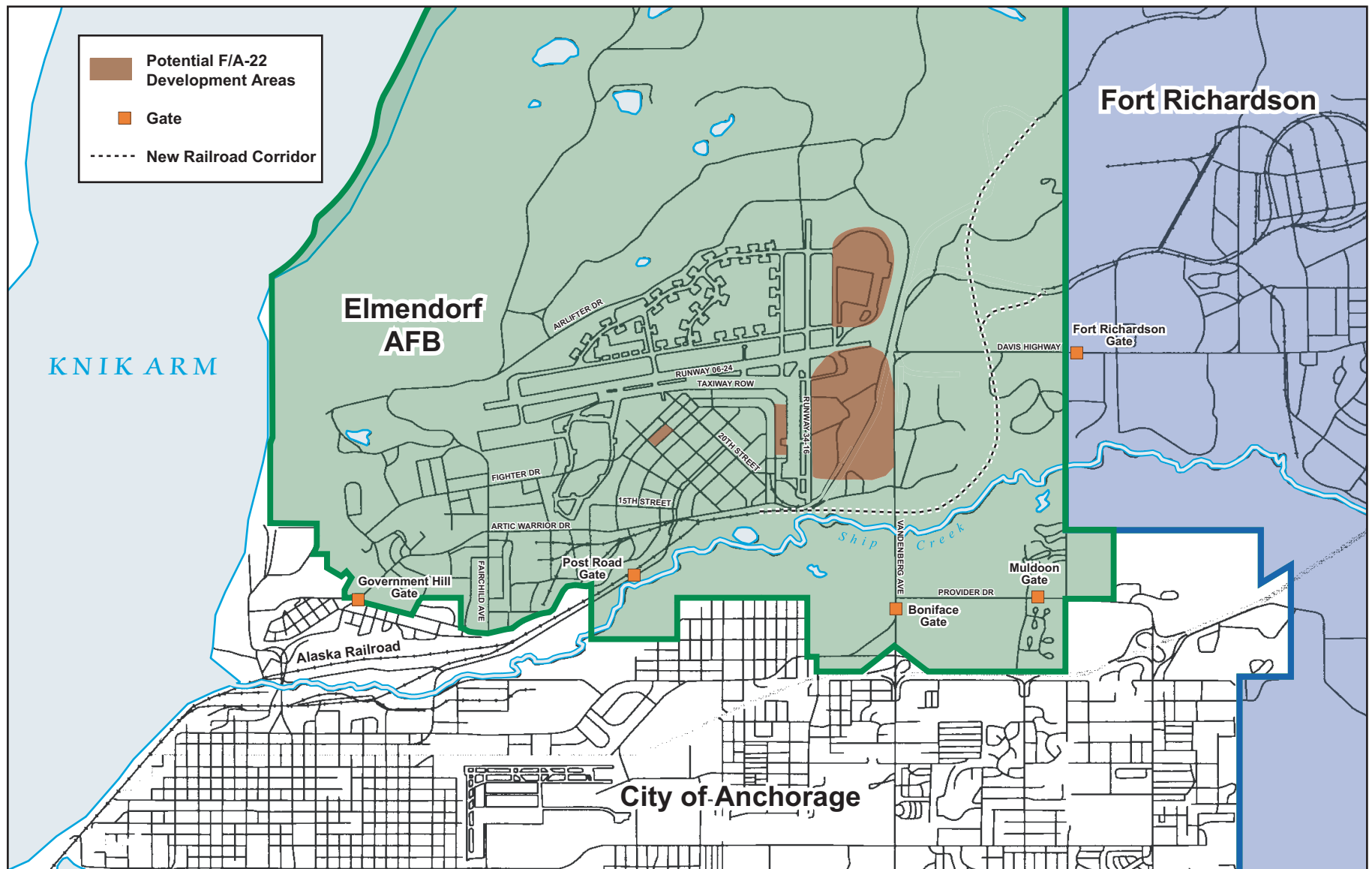
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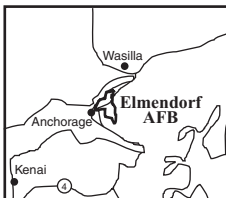
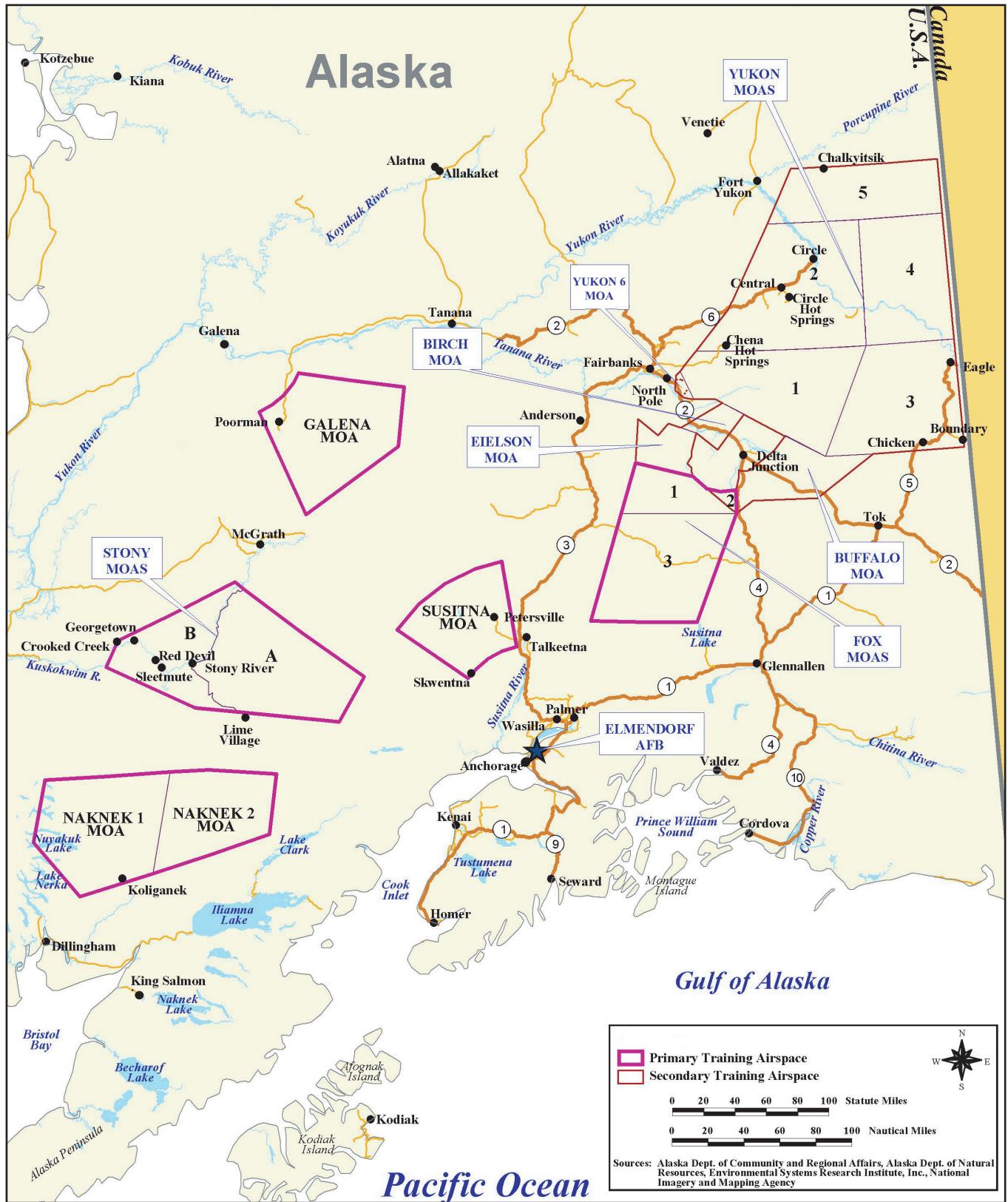
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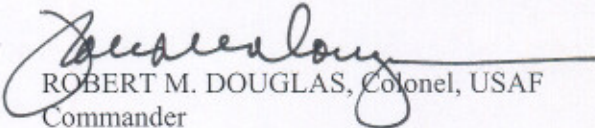
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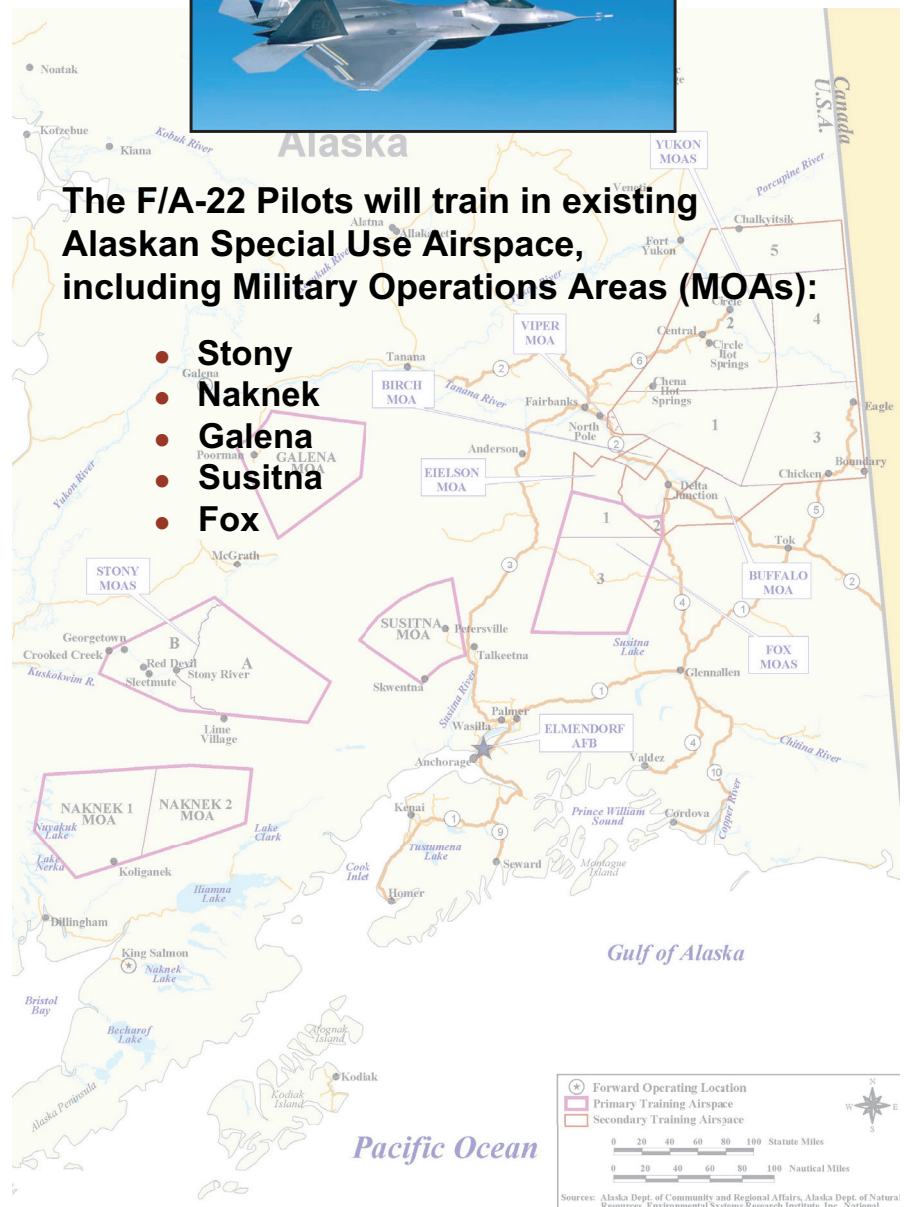
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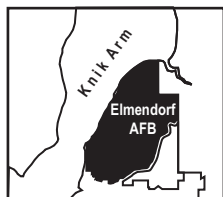
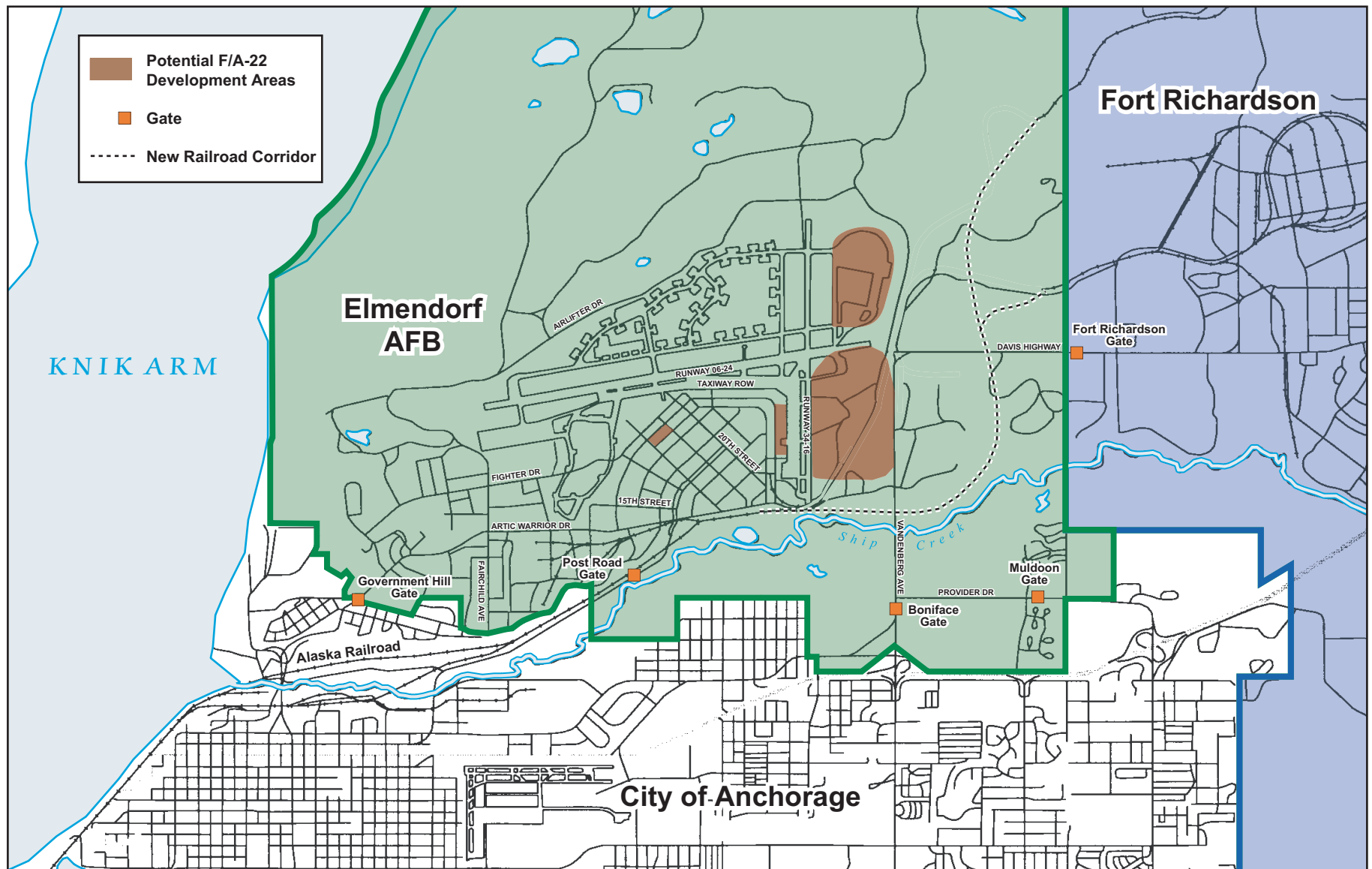
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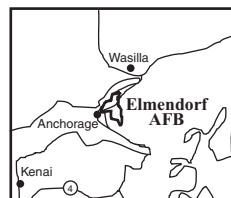
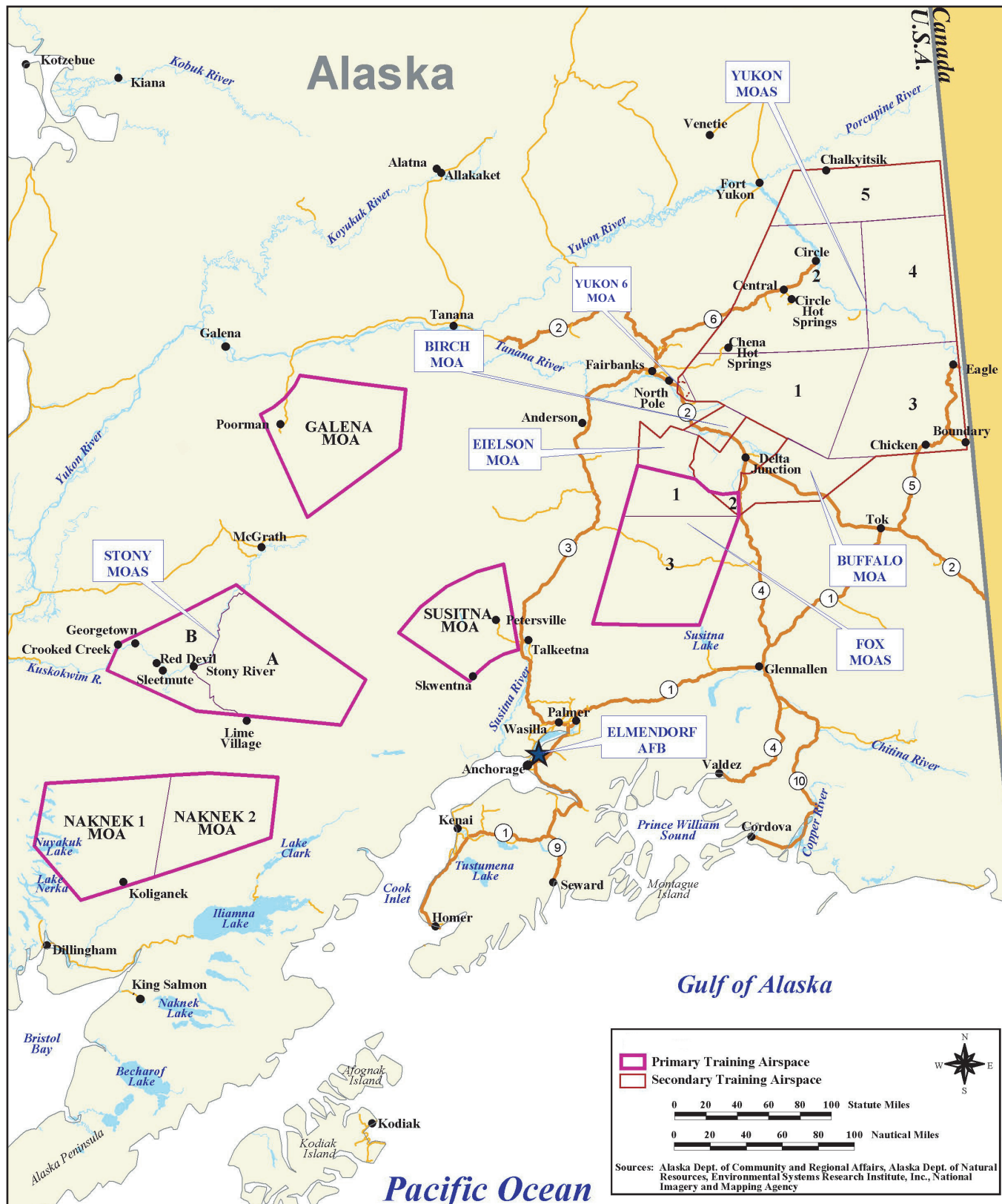
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Alaska Native Villages
EA Memorandum Distribution List

1. Alaska Federation of Natives
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2. Native Village of Tyonek (IRA)
ATTN: Carol Burnell
P.O. Box 82009
Tyonek, AK 99682-0009
3. Chalkyitsik Village
ATTN: Paul Edwin
P.O. Box 57
Chalkyitsik, AK 99788-0057
4. Chickaloon Village Traditional Council
ATTN: Gary Harrison
P.O. Box 1105
Chickaloon, AK 99674-1105
5. Circle Native Village Council (IRA)
ATTN: Paul Nathaniel
P.O. Box 89
Circle, AK 99733-0089
6. Dot Lake Village Council
ATTN: William Miller
P.O. Box 2275
Dot Lake, AK 99737-2275
7. Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Govt.
ATTN: Adlai Alexander
P.O. Box 126
Fort Yukon, AK 99740-0126
8. Igiugig Village Council
ATTN: Michael Andrew, Jr.
P.O. Box 4008
Igiugig, AK 99613-4008
9. King Salmon Village Council
P.O. Box 68
King Salmon, AK 99613-0068
10. Knik Tribal Council
ATTN: Michael Tucker
P.O. Box 871565
Wasilla, AK 99687-1565
11. Kokhanok Village Council
ATTN: Tisha O'Domin
P.O. Box 1007
Kokhanok, AK 99606-1007
12. Lime Village Traditional Council
ATTN: Joe Bobby
P.O. Box LVD
McGrath, AK 99627-8999
13. Louden Village Council
ATTN: Peter Captain, Sr.
P.O. Box 244
Galena, AK 99741-0244
14. Naknek Village Council
ATTN: Steven Angasan
P.O. Box 106
Naknek, AK 99633-0106
15. Native Village of Cantwell
ATTN: Gordon Carlson
P.O. Box 94
Cantwell, AK 99729-0094
16. Eagle Traditional Council
ATTN: David Howard
P.O. Box 19
Eagle, AK 99738-0019
17. Native Village of Eklutna
ATTN: Dorothy Cook
26339 Eklutna Village Road
Chugiak, AK 99567-5148
18. Healy Lake Traditional Council
ATTN: Ben Saylor
P.O. Box 60300
Fairbanks, AK 99706-0300
19. Iliamna Village Council
ATTN: Tim Anelon
P.O. Box 286
Iliamna, AK 99606-0286
20. Venetie Tribal Govt. (IRA)
ATTN: Mary Gamboa
P.O. Box 81080
Venetie, AK 99781-0080
21. Nenana Native Village Association
ATTN: Edna Hancock
P.O. Box 369
Nenana, AK 99760-0369
22. New Koliganek Village Council
ATTN: Herman Nelson, Sr.
P.O. Box 5057
Koliganek, AK 99576-5057
23. Newhalen Tribal Council
ATTN: Raymond Wassillie
P.O. Box 207
Iliamna, AK 99606-0207
24. Nondalton Tribal Council
ATTN: Jack Hobson, Sr.
P.O. Box 49
Nondalton, AK 99640-0049
25. Pedro Bay Village Council
ATTN: Keith Jensen
P.O. Box 47020
Pedro Bay, AK 99647-0020
26. Ruby Tribal Council
ATTN: Donald Honea
P.O. Box 210
Ruby, AK 997680210

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27. Sleetmute Traditional Council
ATTN: Pete Mellick
P.O. Box 34
Sleetmute, AK 99668-0034
28. Village of Stony River
ATTN: Tom Willis
P.O. Box SRV
Stony River, AK 99557-8998
29. Tanacross Village Council
ATTN: Jerry Isaac
P.O. Box 76009
Tanacross, AK 99776-6009
30. Native Village of Tanana
P.O. Box 13
Tanana, AK 99777-0013
31. Red Devil Traditional Council
ATTN: Tommy Willis
P.O. Box 61
Red Devil, AK 99656-061

EXAMPLE POSTCARD



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F/A-22 Beddown Environmental Assessment (EA) Elmendorf AFB, AK



☐ We have specific comments on this proposed project and will provide them by January 15th, 2006.

☐ We have brief, general comments and these include:

☐ We have no comments on the proposed project at this time, but would like to continue to receive information.

☐ Please correct the contact information and direct future correspondence to:

Signature

Date

If you have any general questions or comments about this proposal, please contact Ann Lawton at (907) 552-9677.

Back

Gwichyaa Zhee Gwich'in Tribal Govt.

ATTN: Adlai Alexander

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Fort Yukon, AK 99740-0126



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STATE OF ALASKA

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September 16, 2005

File No.: 3130-1R AIR FORCE

Subject: Hangar 16 (Building 15658) (ANC-957)

Michael R. Hass, Colonel, USAF
Commander
Elmendorf Air Force Base
6326 Arctic Warrior Drive
Anchorage, AK 99506

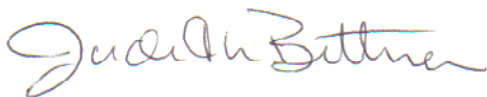
Dear Colonel Hass:

We received your memorandum dated September 9, 2005 regarding the location of the F/A-22 facilities in relation to Hangar 16 (ANC-957). We reviewed this project under section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act to determine effects to cultural resources. We concur with your finding of No Adverse Effect.

We agree that the new buildings will not significantly alter the view of the historic building. Additionally, the orientation of the new buildings differs from the historic building which demonstrates the evolutionary process of building placement and the distinct periods of construction.

Please contact Doug Gasek (269-8726) if you have any questions or need further assistance.

Sincerely,



Judith E. Bittner
State Historic Preservation Officer

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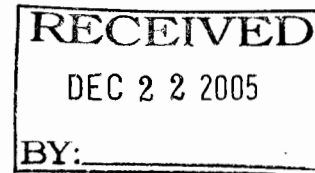


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20 December 2005

MEMORANDUM FOR U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
ATTN: Ann Rappoport
605 W. 4th Ave., Room G61
Anchorage AK 99501-2250



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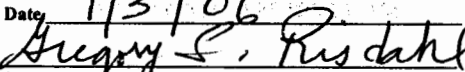

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U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, 605 W. 4th Ave., Rm. G-61, Anchorage, AK 99501
Ph: (907) 271-2888, Fax: (907) 271-2786

FWS Log No. 2006-059
Date 1/5/06

Gregory S. Rusdahl
Endangered Species Biologist

-----Original Message-----

From: Donna L. Graham [<mailto:Donna.Graham@noaa.gov>]
Sent: Thursday, December 22, 2005 8:58 AM
To: Schmidt Gregory J Civ 3 CES/CEV; Brian Lance
Subject: F/A 22 Beddown Environmental Assessment

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has reviewed the PCN for applicant USAF, activity fill, F/A 22 Beddown Environmental Assessment. The described action will not result in any adverse effect to Essential Fish Habitat (EFH). No EFH Assessment is required and NMFS does not offer any EFH Conservation Recommendations. Further EFH consultation is not necessary. NMFS has no objection to the project. Please contact Brian Lance at (907) 271-1301 or e-mail brian.lance@noaa.gov if you have questions. Thanks.

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Native Village of Tanacross Tanacross Village Council

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January 17, 2006

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Robert M. Douglas, Colonel, USAF

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RE: F-22 Beddown Environmental Assessment

Dear Colonel Douglas,

I appreciate you contacting us regarding this proposal. I would like to inform you that we do not have specific comments at this time, but we do have general concerns and would like to continue to receive information and remain involved in the process. The general concerns include the following:

- 1) increased noise from maneuvers in subsistence areas
- 2) increased disturbance of resources during critical times (breeding, calving etc.), and
- 3) atmospheric release of jet fuel in the military operations areas.

I will be the primary point contact for NVT regarding this project. However, if I am unavailable, please contact Guy Warren Environmental Director, at (907) 562-0957 if you require immediate assistance. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Dawn W. Jonathan, Environmental Program Assistant

(907) 883-5024 ext 110 office

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